

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

PHILADELPHIA COVID UPDATE

Masks during worship and other gatherings will be optional, not required. Thank you for your prayers and understanding as we seek to navigate in this season with full measures of care and compassion.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NARTHEX DOORS LEADING TO THE CHAPEL. We are awaiting a replacement part which is back ordered. Thank you.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

If you would like to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special anniversary or birthday, Sunday, October 9 is available to donate flowers in the sanctuary. Please contact Evelyn Carpenter at 215-247-8855 or ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org with your specific flower request.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., Campbell's Place
Join us at Campbell's Place, upper room, on Germantown Avenue. All are welcome. Please contact Brian Russo with any questions (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org).

THE FORUM ON THE HILL

Did you miss the Forum on Thursday, September 15? You can watch it now via www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill. John Wilkinson, *The Post-Pandemic Church*. The church landscape was evolving well before the onset of COVID. COVID seemed to accelerate and magnify the change, some welcome, some unwelcome. John's presentation focused on key aspects of what the church has experienced and learned, and what this season suggests for the future.

PARENTS ON TAP

Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., Iron Hill Brewery
Introducing a new group for the new year! Beginning on September 27 and occurring on the fourth Tuesday of every month, parents of children still in and around the home are invited to join Brian Russo and others at Iron Hill Brewery on Germantown Avenue as we gather to discuss all things parenting. From joys to miseries, to questions and suggestions, from sharing stories and experiences, we will try to tackle it all, including the biggest topics confronting both us and our kids. RSVP to brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.



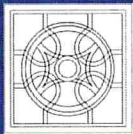
Forum on Church Visits John Wilkinson

Sunday, September 18
following 10:00 a.m. Worship
Widener Hall

This past summer, John Wilkinson visited three Presbyterian congregations as part of a grant received from the Lilly Endowment supported Louisville Institute.

John will share from his travels and what PCCH might learn from these experiences.

A light luncheon will be served—all are welcome.



The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

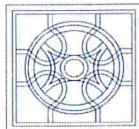
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF CHESTNUT HILL

Cantatas and Chamber Music



Friday, October 7
7:00 p.m. reception
7:30 p.m. concert
Admission \$10.00

Philadelphia Orchestra Concertmaster David Kim will join the soloists of the PCCH Gallery Choir and new PCCH Organist Jeffrey DeVault for our first concert of the season. Jeff has been David's accompanist for over a decade, and they will share some of their favorite collaborations with the audience. The soloists of the PCCH Gallery Choir will accompany David in an arrangement of Vaughan Williams' stunning *The Lark Ascending*, and Jeff will also offer a few selections on PCCH's glorious Mander Organ.



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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2nd grade (room 212) and another for children in grades 3 through 7 (room 201). Both rooms are directly adjacent to the chapel.

Our curriculum for both age groups, based on the Montessori method of learning, comes from Godly Play, using visual elements to hear Bible stories and then inviting children to express themselves by creating art or building and shaping things.

Godly Play is designed for children to both experience God and to find ways to express their faith experiences. The rhythm of Godly Play is more like worship than school and children are able to explore what they have experienced.

Our younger children from ages 3 to 2nd grade will be immersed in the stories of God's care for us, learning the ebb and flow of silence and interacting, of hearing and doing.

The older group, grades 3 to 7, will focus on the gift of creation and how we might think about the needs of the earth while hearing many ways in which people of the Bible carry out acts of love and care in challenging times.

Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults. Nursery workers will continue wearing masks.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 18

11:00 a.m. Joyful Noise (grades K-5)

11:00–11:30 a.m. Junior High Fellowship, Dodgeball in Center on the Hill (grades 6-8)

4:30–5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12)

5:00–5:30 p.m. Dinner (hoagies)

5:30–7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group: Movie Night in Harris Room (*Truman Show*)

Sunday, September 25

11:00–11:30 a.m. Joyful Noise (grades K-5)

11:00–11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class (grades 7-9): Expectations Meeting in Brian's office

3:00–8:00 p.m. High School Youth Group: Escape Room and dinner in Princeton, NJ

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC

Joyful Noise, our children's choir will resume weekly rehearsals immediately following Church School on Sunday mornings, concluding at 11:30 a.m. All children through grade 5 are invited to participate.

Youth Choir, now under the direction of Julie Snyder, will meet this year at a new time, Sundays from 4:30–5:00 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

11:00 a.m., Harris Room

- September 21 Chapters 1-3: Vision of the son of man
- September 28 Chapters 4-5: Heaven opened: the lion and the lamb
- October 5 Chapters 6-7: Seven seals and 144,000
- October 12 Chapters 8-11: Seven trumpets
- October 19 Chapters 12-14: Seven signs in heaven
- October 26 Chapters 15-17: Seven plagues
- November 2 Chapters 18-19: Fall of Babylon
- November 9 Chapters 20-22: A new Jerusalem

All are welcome to attend as you are available. Any questions, contact Roberta Kearney (rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org)

FALL BOOK GROUP

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer is our church-wide book study this year.

Our first discussion will be Sunday, September 25, Second Hour, Reception Room. A copy of the book, for borrowing, is in the church office.

Kimmerer describes her book as a braid of stories meant to heal our relationships with the world. Below are some reflection questions for the first three essays, to get you reflecting on your own stories.

Reflection Questions for discussing *Braiding Sweetgrass*

1. In *Skywoman Falling* Kimmerer tells the origin story of how the earth came into being. What is the origin story you have about how your family came into being? Or, of how the world came into being? In what ways do your origin stories help you consider where you came from and how we can go forward?
2. *The Council of Pecans* speaks of honoring and being tied to the land, of what occurs through seasons of feast and famine and the lessons of sticking together, acting as one. What have you learned from being connected to a particular place? What experiences do you have of sticking together, acting as one?
3. *The Gift of Strawberries* is a story about grace. Grace—meaning gifts we do not earn or possibly deserve—that come to us free, without any effort on our part, meant to be appreciated. What stories would you tell of grace, particularly God’s grace and generosity in your life?

PRESBYTERY FALL 2022 ANTI-RACISM BOOK STUDY

Mondays in October at 12:00 noon, via Zoom: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

You are invited to participate in the presbytery's fall anti-racism book study. This fall's book is "You Mean It or You Don't: James Baldwin's Radical Challenge," by Jamie McGhee and Adam Hollowell. Learn more at [You Mean It Or You Don't](http://YouMeanItOrYouDont.com) (prayingwithjamesbaldwin.com) The book is available now. Here is the ZOOM link for our meetings: tinyurl.com/9hamvc2x. Contact John Wilkinson for more information.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation practices, limited number of participants per class, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday to Thursday at 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. Registration required for all activities and classes at the Center as space is limited for social distancing. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org.

SEPTEMBER ART SHOW

Linda Chicchi, Mixed Media Watercolors

The Gallery is open for viewing Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. daily and before and after worship services. This is Linda's first solo show. Working primarily in watercolor, she also uses mixed media, inks and mono printing. A love of horticulture, informs her florals and landscapes. Although she came to painting later in life, Linda spent her childhood sketching plants and insects in pastel. She is the daughter of a potter and no stranger to the creative life and returned to her native Philadelphia after living in Europe for several years. Now retired, Linda is devoting herself full time to her art.

MOSAIC SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA (MSOP) TILE MOSAIC CLASS

Session A: Tuesdays, September 20 and 27, Session B: Thursdays, September 22 and 29, 1:30–4:30 p.m., cost: \$60* for the two week session. (Sign up for only 1 session) Week 1 is instruction and construction, week 2 is glazing. All materials provided. *This program is made possible at a discounted rate by a grant awarded from the Covenant Fund. Mosaic tile artist and MSOP member Laura Lyn Stern is offering a tile-making course. The tiles will be used to create a beautiful mosaic mural for the exterior wall of the Center on the Hill. Participants will work with clay to create bas relief (dimensional) floral tiles. Each person will be making multiple tiles, both modeling and glazing the pieces. All tiles created in class will be used for the mural. Please come to class with several ideas and images of the flowers that you want to work with. You will be taught how to transfer your images from a photo, magazine or print out onto a clay slab and then model your piece dimensionally. Come be part of this permanent mural project!

AGING IN PLACE PLANNING

Thursday, September 22, 10:00–11:00a.m., free

Presented in person and recorded to be streamed online the following week.

This presentation will focus on how to view aging in place planning as an opportunity. We will discuss simple strategies to implement to prepare for your independence including organizing, assessing your home, and assessing your support. We will also address available resources for aging alone to assist with decision making so that bill paying, caregiving, and home modifications for example are addressed.

SOUL LINE DANCING

Thursdays, September 22 & 29, 1:30–2:30 p.m., \$5

Where can you dance with a room full of people, yet dance by yourself? Get fit and have fun as you line dance to R&B, jazz, hip-hop, the “Philly” sound, classic oldies, the latest soul favorites, and more. Gloria Kingcade makes this simple and easy activity into a feel-good form of exercise for you. No partner needed. All levels welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

September 26, October 3, 10, 24, 31, and November 7, 1:00–2:00 p.m., free. Group is closed to new members after October 3.

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics Covered include: Myths of Grieving, Grieving and the Holidays, Does Grief Ever End.